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GUARD AGAINST PICKPOCKET

The Various Ways in Which Thieves Plunder Their Victims Have you ever had your watch s If you have then you have experie the peculiar sensation which creeps you when the hand is carelessly dr to take the watch out and only a dang chain is found. No one ever had a wa stolen who did not begin to meditat satisfactory conclusion is reached. An old man came into the city a f

days ago from Paterson. He has an in terest in one of the big silk mills ther and is wealthy. His visit was for th purpose of buying Christmas presen and he had several hundred dollars bills, besides a gold watch and diamor He is naturally a timid ma and had his weather eye open for thiever His pocketbook was in his left trouser coat on the same side. His coat was buttoned up close to his chin, so that none of the light fingered fellows could get a chance at his property. He walked through Fourteenth street from the Sixth Avenue Elevated road to Broadway, made a purchase and when he looked for his money found nothing. His watch and pin were also gone and only the dangling chain remained, There was never a more surprised man in this world, and all that he could tell Inspector Byrnes about the robbery was that he had been jostled by several men in Fourteenth street, soon after leaving the train, out he had not seen them do anything.

In the pickpockets' vocabulary he had been put through the "push and pull" game. To do this requires a "mob" of four or five men, besides the "wire," which is the term applied to the man who does the "trick." One of the mob" is selected to do the "touching." This consists in passing the fingers gently over a person's pockets to determine if be is worth robbing. It is done always in a world if everything is all right. in a way. If everything is all right, the "touch," gives a signal and indicates by signs where the property is. The "mob" passes in front of the victim and the "wire" and "fence" come up from behind. At a signal one of the "mob" stumbles and falls on the victim, who is nearly thrown off his feet. The "mob" grab the victim, ostensibly to keep him from falling, and then the "wire's" hands do the work. Whatever property is secured is given to the "fence," who goes off like a flash. The most famous thief in this line of work is "Poodle" Murphy. He has great nerve, and a hand that moves more quickly than the eye can well follow it. "Poodle" stole ex-Secretary Robeson's watch in this way in Philadelphia, and is saidto have committed more robberies than any two other pickpockets in the coun-

There are several other ways in which this class of thieves do their work. The horse car "trick" is a favorite one, and "Deafy" Price is a master of this. It is slung over the arm, or one with holes in the pockets. It requires great boldness and confidence. The thief sits by the side of the victim, alwar in a crowded car. Sometimes the trop works quietly, times with a rush. The quiet method is carried out by dropping the paper carelessly on the lap and turning in the seat as if to look out of the window. If the pocket is tight the thief will either give up the effort or cut the cloth. The thief works in the same way with the pocketless coat. If he secures anything he leaves the car at once. When force is used it is done when the car gives a sudden lurch, and the hand is driven in victim thinks that the pressure was on the outside of his clothes. Women are often robbed in this way, and while it might seem to be dangerous, it is said to be comparatively safe for the thief.—

Curious System of Contract Labor.

There is in England a curious system contract labor which has lately in- all requested a loan. terested not only writers on economical subjects, but the English government as well. In The Fortnightly Review the aystem is described at length. It is also mentioned in the report to parliament by J. Burnett, whose duty it was to inquire into the labor problems of the east end of London. This plan of work is known as the "sweating" system. It is prevalent in many trades, particularly in maimacturing abscicts. By the owner of a factory obtains the cheapest

sible labor. He employs a contractor, to whom he pays a gross sum for a cer-tain amount of work. This sum is less han it costs the manufacturer himself to arrive at the same results. The contractor then, by increasing the number of hours of work, and perhaps by re-ducing the pay of the "hands" he hires, is enabled not only to do the required work, but to obtain for himself a comfortsble profit. This system of slavery is said to be so extensive in England as to call for legislation. Trunk making, cheap clothing manufacture and many other trades flourish entirely on this principle.—New York Commercial Ad-

### Cats in Paris.

The French capital harbors the largest number of cats of any city in the world in proportion to its size. Whole colonies of them are to be found in the vicinity of the markets, where they feed on broken victuals and make incessant war on the rats. At the Halles Centrales their numbers have increased so rapidly of late that a portion of them had to be destroyed, as ey roamed about in bands like beasts, and were beginning to be dan-gerous. Duprez, the well known tenor singer, has earned the Le pere des chats, for he daily feeds hundreds of these animals at his own expense. The pre-fecture of police likewise entertains a large colony of cats, which are placed under the care of an old woman of 70, who supplies them with daily rations of meat and milk. - Le Magasin Pittoresque.

### A New Building Material.

Building stones made of corn cobs form the object of a new Italian patent. The cobs are pressed by machinery into forms similar to brick and held together by wire. They are made water tight by soaking with tar. These molds are very hard and strong; their weight is less than one-third of that of hollow brick, and they can never get damp .-- Chicago

MANNERS

unios (fresh water mussels), of which there are many hundred species, especially those found in the fresh water brooks traversing a limestone country.
The first pearl of any note was the famous "Crown Pearl," found by a shoemaker, Daniel Howell, while collecting some of these mussels in Notch Brook, near Paterson, N. J. This was purchased by Messrs. Tiffany & Co. for \$1,500 in 1856, and led to the great pearl excitament. Millions of unios were collected, and many thousands of pearls were found, and some of them very fine ones. ne, however, which weighed nearly 400 grains, and would perhaps have been the inest pearl of modern times, was de-stroyed by cooking the mussel. They have since then been fished out as far west as Ohio.

American Fresh Water Pearls. Pearls are produced in some of the

At Waynesville and other places on the Little Miami rive any fine pearls have been found, and more recently fine ones have been found in Kentucky, Tennessee and Texas. One single firm has purchased over \$100,000 worth of pearls ound east of Texas. The pearls are arely entirely round, usually a little ob-ong, button shaped, flat on the back and imitating every conceivable form, such as beetles, fish, bird wings, and ften have had this feature assisted in mounting of enamel and gold, after manner of Dinglinger pearls at the mous Dresden Green vaults. The for is rarely a true white, usually pink bluish, often iridescent. The na spoother, if anything, than in the ori-orial pearls, and they are often more becutiful. Single pearls have been sold for over \$2,000. Only one pearl of any kind is found in 100 shells, and usually in 1,000 of any value, so that it is a very profitable pursuit. The indisg and by poisonous sewage will remaily end to their extermination. The greatest destroyers, however, are the gs, which kill off whole banks at a single low tode.—George F. Kunz in Harper's Magazine.

Take Coffee The Turks, without being scientific, are practical. They have learned from exrience, and erize their coffee to a wder in a mortar and pass it through a fin-When semi-pulverits. The Turks comand with it t bine the two tage in the followake of the finely pulverized coff mantity ordinarily used in thi or about a teaspoon it in an ordinary coffee po of cone, por ove hey set the pot erate the chemiarticles with the particle afloat will gather formin a thick cream, rves as a cover ad prevents the in the essential oil from Wherit commences to nrfac

crear rises to overflow which the pot is taken or mit to boiling to substions repeated severa creaty surface has the break or subble. They down, overed up and or ix mnutes to settle. is decarted gently so the sediment. Thus facous Turkish cafe fee, for they use neither. New York Press. A Well Known C A gentleman happe street saloon the other

dated hat and crute rgentleman was surpri newcomer sat down rush made for him fr saloon, addressed him prosched the bartend distributed and him, ca

matches and that class of goods. they get broke, they come here and Jorrow a quarter or a half dollar from the boss and he charges them from two to ten cents interest per day. If they don't pay up he never lends them again, but they seldom fail to pay him what he asks, and he makes considerable money."— New York Evening Sun.

An interesting experiment was tried not long ago at the veterinary school of Harvard university in attempting to control a spirited horse by an electric bit. The horse was considerable of a trotter, but had a disagreeable way of bolting and breaking. Dr. Harrison, of the school, procured a Galvairo-Faradic battery of small size and extended two slight wires from it along the reins to the bit of the bridle, they being termin-ated in small knobs. This was applied to the horse, care being taken to use it in connection with the words "whoa" and "steady." The animal, after a few experiments, became docile and "bolting" ceased. He was tried under circumstances calculated to excite him, and the experiment proved perfectly satisfactory here, too. The experiment is one of considerable importance, since, though it has been tried in France, it has not been performed in this country be-fore.—Public Opinion.

Wearing Light Soled Shoes.

I know hat the centrary to precon-ceived notices, but it is the fact all the same, that the feet can be kept warmer in cold weather by wearing a shoe with a light sole that a thick one. With the light sole the foot has a chance to work, thereby keeping up a circulation. This only to dry weather. sle soled shoe inthick sole the heat of

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versed in his or particular department is usually just. With few exceptions, this will generally be found a good criterion by which to judge of the acquirements of a physician. There are, however, a few exceptions. These are the enthusiasts, to whom the study of anything besides the favorite science seems a waste of time, or worse, a desecration of the temple of knowledge. Even these must knew that there is no item of knowledge without its uses to the true physician. There are many obvious reasons why the young doctor should marry early—as soon as his practice will enable him to surround a wife with the comforts of a home. Some one has said that "the married man has given hostages to fortune for his future good behavior." It is certain that the confidence of heads of families is secured more easily by the married than by the unmarried phy-

A pledge of secrecy regarding every-thing observed concerning an individual ill of any disease is implied by the mere fact of the pursuit of the medical profes-sion. This pleage is a part of the Hip-pocratic oath, which dates 500 years be-fore our era, and, in a modified form, is idministered to graduates, in many medical colleges of our time, at the time the diploma is conferred upon the successful candidates. The duty of keeping pro-fessional secrets inviolate is taught from the beginning to the close of the years of study and probation through which the student must pass before he can proudly affer the title of M. D. to his autograph. In many states, Missouri among the doctor is forbidden to reveal such secrets even on the witness stand. The knowledge of this fact is calculated to inspire the people with a confidence such as is felt only toward a spiritual adviser. In fact, the priest and physician stand upon equal ground in this regard. Should any medical man so far forget his luty in this relation as to make ubles or diseases of those who had isulted him a matter of gossip from use to house or among his associates. e means ought to be devised to expel graced. If this cannot be done, he incur the contempt and enmity of porable physician, as well as of

st large. ume qualification—if it can be ed-brings many a tale of sorring and shame to the otice pathetic physician. Many been righted, many a ir fame of woman has be any a burdened consci stitution, under the careful e physician who has been fidant of facts which are aled from the inspection The good, the benefits erred upon society scientious physic hinted at, cauno

will in proper for ance. In is sometimes of great no. in cases of acidents especially is it necessary that some one should know the technicalities which govern the validity of such instruments. Frequently the physician is the only person present of sufficient education to draw up such a paper, but if he does not know the rules regarding the signatures of two witnesse who saw the testator sign it as his last will and testament, and of the necessity of each signature being written in the sence of the testator and the other witness, the doctor's knowledge in the premises is incomplete and the will with-

In the fullness of time the physician becomes "the old doctor" in his locality This is too frequently a title-carned by length of years, not by meritorious serv ice, in the cause of humanity. It is a title longed for by many before age gives them a right to the distinction. Men of less than 35 years have been known to argue that the "old doctor" distinction belonged of right to them. After 55 years it would seem proper to advance the surviving members of a graduating class of thirty years ago to this proud distinction. Age in the profession should be considered rather than number of birthdays. It may seem rather odd to devote any time to this question, with every practitioner knows that the com-pliment, "How young you look!" has no mollifying influence over the ordinary practitioner. If you would please your family physican, remark on the gray-ness of his peard and the baldness of his pate. This may make him replace some old fashioned nauseous dose by some pate. This may make him replace some modern glegant pharmaceutical preparation when next he has the option .-Globe-Lemocrat.

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